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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 0928

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNGA, PFOR, LU

SUBJECT: CANDIDACIES FOR 30 TH UNGA PRESIDENCY

REFS: A) LUXEMBOURG 0198 (NOTAL)

B) USUN 635

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1. WE THINK THERE IS LITTLE GROUND FOR PRIME MINISTER THORN'S FEARDS EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR FARKAS THAT SPANISH TACTICS MAY LEAD TO 30TH UNGA PRESIDENCY SLIPPING FROM WEO GROUP HANDS INTO LDC CONTROL. HOWEVER, SPANISH OBSTINACY IS ONE OF THE FACTORS WHICH COULD DELAY FOR SOME TIME YET WEO CONSENSUS ON THIS SUBJECT. AT MEETING REPORTED IN REFTEL B) SPANISH REP (ELIAS) DID MAKE A REFERENCE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF CONSULTING WITH OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS IN THE EFFORT TO ARRIVE AT A WEO CHOICE WHICH WOULD ENJOY WIDE UN SUPPORT. HIS IMPLICATION WAS NOT THAT ULTIMATELY A COMPROMISE CANDIDATE FROM ANOTHER GROUP MIGHT BE NECESSARY. IT WAS RATHER THAT, IN THE ABSENCE OF WEO SOLIDARITY FOR ONE CANDIDATE, ATTITUDES OF OTHER GROUP SHOULD BE CONSIDERED, AND SPAIN COULD WIN THERE SUPPORT FOR THE SPANISH CANDIDACY. SWEDISH AMB. RYDBECK TOOK STRONG ISSUE WITH THE SPANISH SUGGESTION, OBSERVING THAT IT IS ENTIRELY UP TO THE WEO GROUP TO MAKE ITS DECISION WITHOUT REFERENCE TO PREFERENCES OF OTHER GROUPS. SPAIN MAY WELL BE TRYING TO CURRY LDC FAVOR ON SPANISH SAHARA, CUETA AND MELILLA, BUT WE THINK BOTH SPAIN AND TURKEY WILL EVENTUALLY YIELD TO MAJORITY WEO SENTIMENT.

2. OUR GUESS IS THAT AUSTRALIA WILL ALSO ACQUIESCE IN THE THORN CANDIDACY AND MAY ONLY BE SEEKING A GRACEFUL WAY TO DO IT. OUR IMPRESSION WAS THAT RETIRING AUSTRALIAN PERM REP MCINTYRE WOULD ON HIS RETURN TO CANBERRA THIS MONTH URGE A QUICK WITHDRAWAL. THERE IS SOME DISTINCT AUSTRALIAN RANCOR HERE OVER THE WAY SO MANY COUNTRIES CLIMBED ABOARD THE THORN BANDWAGON WITHOUT SO MUCH AS A NOD IN THE AUSTRALIAN DIRECTION, AND PARTICULARLY OVER THE LEAD TAKEN BY FRANCE. IT MAY BE THAT THE GOA AS A SIGN OF DISPLEASURE PREFERS TO STEP DOWN FOR A WHILE; ON THE OTHER HAND, THE LONGER IT WAITS THE MORE EMBARRASSING ITS EVIDENTLY DOOMED CANDIDACY BECOMES.  
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